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## Water situation getting better

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The polar air that invaded the area last week created havoc for the Stanton City Water System. A major water main break on Railroad Street last Tuesday was just the beginning of the problems.

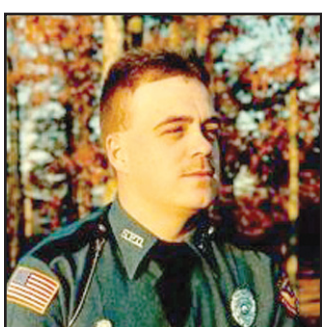
By Wednesday of last week over 100 homes and businesses had water line breaks. The strain was too much for the water system.

"At one point we were pumping 33,000 gallons of water per hour into the tanks for seven hours and we still couldn't keep the tanks filled," Mayor Dale Allen told the city council last week.

Some areas of the county that gets water from the city were left dry for a few days as the attempts to repair water lines and fill the tanks continued.

By last weekend many customers had water again. Some had very low pressure, but the tanks were slowly filling. A boil water advisory was in place for the city until last Saturday. Some areas of the county had the advisory lifted earlier this week.

"I've got to give thanks to the boys (water workers). They worked hard in that cold weather to help restore the water," Allen said. "They have went above and beyond."



## Former sheriff, Joe Martin, passes away

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

Former Powell County Sheriff, Billy Joe Martin, Jr., was found unresponsive at his North Fork home last Wednesday and was pronounced dead at the scene. He was 45.

Martin had served as a Stanton Police officer for several years until he won the sheriff's race in 2002. He served in that position until 2006. Martin, a former PCHS baseball player, loved the game and enjoyed hunting/fishing. All were topics he would readily talk about.

Martin is survived by his wife, Bobbi, and sons, Hunter Martin and Cody Hall. He is also survived by his parents and a sister. His obituary can be found on A6.



Times Photo by James Cook

The second class of inductees to the Powell County High School Men's Basketball Hall of Fame was announced at halftime of last Friday's Powell-Lee game. From left to right are: Jarrod Goodwin accepting for family member Talmadge Smallwood, Dr. Charles Noss, Joyce Hearne accepting on behalf of her husband Wayne Lee Hearne, Lynn Stidham accepting on behalf of her father Robert "Bobby" Cunningham, Brad Morris, Steve Ginter, David "Little Goose" Goodwin, Steve Kinser, Mike Crowe and Walter "Bud" Parks. The Hall of Fame honors former players, coaches, officials and support staff for the Pirates program.

## Second class inducted into Pirates Hall of Fame

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

Last Friday night the Pirates Men's Basketball Hall of Fame welcomed 10 new members. The second class of inductees included former coaches, a team physician, officials and four All-State Honorable Mention players.

Those inducted were:

- Walter "Bud" Parks (1958-1961) played four years varsity, three year starter, averaged a double-double in scoring and rebounding 1959-1961, member of the All-District Team (1959-1961);

- Michael Crowe (1961-1964) four years on varsity, three year starter, averaged 19 points per game for a career, averaged seven steals and five assists, All-District (1963-1964), All-Region (1964), All-State Honorable Mention (1964), served as coach and athletic director at PCHS;

- John Kinser (1975-1978) four year starter, led team in scoring (1977-1978) averaging 22 points per game and led team in rebounding those same years. All District (1977-1978), Team MVP (1978), All-State Honorable Mention (1977-1978);

- David "Little Goose" Goodwin (1977-1980) played varsity four

years, was a three year starter, In 1979-80 he averaged 20 points per game, 15 rebounds and five steals, scored more than 1,600 points in a career and picked up over 1,000 rebounds, All-District (1979-1980) All-State Honorable mention (1979-1980) First winner of the Billy Jay Hearne Award as the district's MVP;

- Steve Ginter (1985-1988) four years on varsity, three year starter, averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds per game, scored over 2,000 points and grabbed over 1,000 rebounds in a career, averaged double-double for his career in points and rebounds, named to seven all-tournament teams, 1988 pre-season number one ranked player in the 14th Region, to time All-State Honorable Mention (1987-1988), won Billy Jay Hearne Award as District MVP in 1986;

- Brad Morris (1995-1998) four years varsity, three year starter, averaged 20 points per game for a career, averaged 29.1 points per game (second in the state) in 1998, led the state in made three-pointers with 4.3 per game making 46 percent of his three's (86/168), scored over 600 points his senior season and over 1,000 points in his career, All-District Team (1997-1998), All Region

Team (1998);

- Talmadge Smallwood, 14th Region official or both boys and girls basketball from 1964-1994, umpire from 1970-1980, officiated Powell County Little League for many years;

- Dr. Charles Noss (1965-2009) Volunteered his services to Powell County Athletics, donated free sports physicals, available as team physician, served on Powell County School Board, still a strong supporter of Powell County Athletics;

- Robert "Bobby" Cunningham, coached Boy's Little league (1960-1972), official scorer (1970-1977), coached 8th grade boys basketball to an undefeated season in 1976 winning the Morehead Invitational Tournament, assistant coach of the Lady Pirates (1984-1988), 14th Region official (1977-1983), director of Little League (1972 & 1999-2000);

- Wayne Lee Hearne Played on the 1955 PCHS 14th Region Runner-up team, stated Powell County Little League, coached the Bowen Braves for many years, statistician (1970-1978) served in that role with the 1974 14th Region Title Team and at the State Tournament.

## Combat veterans can find help with one of their own

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

For many of us all we know about combat is what we see on television or in a movie. But for too many they have seen it up close. After they get back home, some may adjust quickly and seem to live normal lives. But in reality, nothing is normal for them again.

Others may not want to talk about what they have seen or felt. That can become a problem if they do not seek out the treatments that are available to them. One Iraq War veteran from Powell County wants to help his fellow combat veterans to get the help they need.

"There is help out there, but too many of them (combat veterans) won't get it because they don't want to come out of the hollows," Bill Bowen



said. "Too many times they try to treat themselves and we lose them here."

Bowen, who served in Iraq and suffered a traumatic brain injury from an improvised explosive device (IED), knows what it is like to come home and face the challenges other are now facing. Now Bowen is helping by trying to convince those who have seen combat to take part in a Combat Veteran Support Group that meets at the Vet Center in Lexington.

"They meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 or 1 p.m. We can use a van from the AmVet Post #67 in Clay City to take combat veterans to the meetings," Bowen said. "That goes for those veterans from Estill, Lee, Montgomery, Wolfe, Menifee, any nearby county. If you can make it to the AmVets Post we can get you there." Bowen said the van would leave at 9 a.m. each Wednesday to go to the meetings.

Bowen is concerned

about the new figures released recently about military suicides after the veterans return home. Those figures, released last Friday indicated that suicide rates for male veteran returning have risen 44 percent, while it has gone up 11 percent for women.

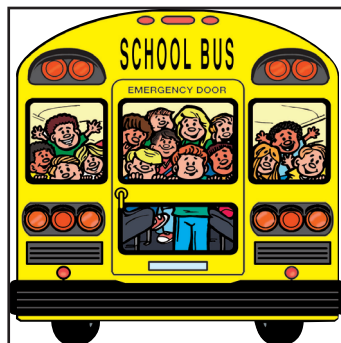
"That is too many and many of them could be helped if we can just get them to these groups," Bowen added.

Bowen currently works with the drug programs in Powell County and has assisted with veterans groups since returning. But he has his own road to travel. "I still have times where I am still fighting there," he said. "But I tell our people all the time. They didn't kill you there, don't let them follow you here, in your mind and thoughts, and

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# Pergram wants to change plea

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

The case of a Powell County woman who as charged with assaulting and robbing a WWII veteran has become a roller coaster ride for the court system and the victim's family. After pleading guilty last month, Leann Pergram has changed her mind and asked to withdraw her guilty plea.

After waiting over a year as the case went through the system, Pergram pled guilty on Dec. 13. Then as she was scheduled to be sentenced last Wednesday in Powell Circuit Court, she was not in the courtroom when her case was called. Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher issued a bench warrant for Pergram as it was revealed that she had not shown up to speak to the probation officer for a pre-sentencing report.

Fifteen minutes later Pergram was escorted into the courtroom by a Powell County Court Security Officer. Then she dropped the bombshell.

Pergram asked to withdraw her guilty plea. Stating that she felt she did not believe she had

any other choice when she took the plea deal and that "I didn't think I could prove I didn't do it." But she also said she had spoken to a different attorney who said she could probably win at trial. The news seemed to shock her attorney, Lisa Whisman, and Judge Fletcher.

"Is this attorney now representing you," Fletcher asked. Pergram said no, but family members were trying to raise the money for that.

Pergram took a plea deal for three cases she has in the Powell Circuit Court. The most notable case was the July 2012 assault and robbery of 84-year-old James Todd at his residence on Main Street in Stanton. During that robbery, Todd was struck in the head with a metal pipe. Todd had to be hospitalized for his injuries. Later in November 2012 Todd died but the assault was not listed as the cause of death.

Pergram also faced introducing contraband charges and bribing a witness charges, in which she took money from someone to help their case. When she pled guilty last month it was for all three cases.

Pergram admitted to her guilt in open court on Dec. 13 and when asked several times if she knew what she was agreeing to by Judge Fletcher she acknowledged that she did. At one point she admitted to striking Todd and taking money from his wallet.

However, in court last week she said that her co-defendant is willing to testify and that the other attorney convinced her she could win at trial. Her co-defendant, Rodney Woosley, had his case dismissed without prejudice, which reportedly means if more evidence were found he could face charges again. According to sources and court proceedings Woosley was allegedly with Pergram and she allegedly told police in a taped interview that he did not leave the car. A video surveillance camera caught what looked like a male subject in the car, but it may not have been enough to positively identify him, as was discussed in one of his court appearances.

Pergram told the court hat she felt nervous because of the cameras in the courtroom when she

pled guilty. She accepted the deal as some of those arrested in Operation ROC on that same day were brought to the courtroom for arraignment. Lexington television crews were on hand, as was the Times.

However, sources indicate that Pergram had accepted the deal at least two days before the Dec. 13 court appearance.

During last week's court appearance Judge Fletcher asked Pergram if it was her signature on the guilty plea document he had in the file. She said it was.

Fletcher then had Pergram taken into custody citing her failure to comply with meeting the probation officer. No bond was set.

Todd's family members who were on hand looked confused and disgusted by Pergram's claims. They left the courtroom quickly and have not been interviewed by the Times about the case.

Pergram tried to get an audiotape of an interview conducted by Stanton Police when she was in the jail about the case thrown out. However, Judge Fletcher ruled that



Times Photo by James Cook  
Leeann Pergram looks at her attorney, Lisa Whisman, at last week's scheduled sentencing. Pergram, who pled guilty to first degree robbery now wants to change her plea.

the tape could be used. Though the Times reporter has not heard the entire tape, some sources close to the case say that Pergram basically admitted to the crime.

Under the charges of robbery first degree Pergram could have faced 10-20 years. The deal she agreed to would be for 10 years. But the crime is listed as a violent offense and under state law she would have to serve 85 percent of that time. Sources said the family was "Ok" with that deal,

but may be willing to go through a trial and seek the maximum time if the plea was allowed to be withdrawn.

Pergram will sit in the Powell County Detention center until her new sentencing date. That is set for Jan. 22. Judge Fletcher is expected to rule on whether or not he will allow Pergram to withdraw her plea at that time or sentence her to the 10 years she agreed to under the deal.

## Richardson asks for change of venue

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

The case of a Stanton woman accused of abusing an adult she was supposed to be taking care of has taken another bizarre turn. Citing "previous reputations" and "publicity," Ruby Richardson and her attorney has asked that her trial be moved to a different venue. The motion was made in Powell Circuit Court last Wednesday, just 19 days before her trial is set to begin.

She also has asked for the victim's medical records and all records that the Adult Protective Services office may have on the case.

Richardson made headlines when she was indicted on Feb. 6, 2013 for abuse or neglect of an adult when "she knowingly inflicted injury, intimidation or punishment that resulted in physical or mental injury, or physical pain." Richard faces a second count of exploitation of an adult. Police say that Richardson took charge of her victim's money and assistance checks and used that money but not for the victim. She also faces three counts of first-degree wanton endanger-

ment.

Richardson has been accused beating her victim, Mary Rose Swift, and forcing her to eat dog food. Officers say Swift, who reportedly weighed over 200 pounds last year, was down to 94 pounds when she was found in a home with no heat or food.

Police say she went on the run for nearly two weeks before turning herself in, with a Lexington television crew in tow, on Feb. 18. She later gave the same station an interview from jail.

Richardson disputes the allegations and denies any wrongdoing. She claimed in court last month that she had a written statement from the alleged victim that stated she did not feed her dog food. Richardson has also been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance. The charge stems from allegations of events that occurred before the abuse charges were brought against her.

Last November, Richardson and her attorney, Stephen Wides, parted ways after Wides made a motion to withdraw as her attorney. Wides stated that Richardson had a "lack of trust" for him.

Fletcher allowed the withdrawal and appoint-

ed Lisa Whisman from the Department of Public Advocacy to represent Richardson. Richardson was released from jail that day as she had been in jail over 260 days.

Last Wednesday Judge Fletcher approved the request for the Adult Protective Services records. But as for the medical records, after being reminded by Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald, Fletcher ruled that the medical records could be sent to the court. The judge would then rule on what parts of the medical records are pertinent to the defense's case. Whisman will tender an order or the records and allow Herald to review it. The judge will make a decision then.

As for the change of venue, Fletcher stated that he would take it under advisement. He did ask if the case had been sent to medication. Herald quickly answered that it had. Whisman, just as quickly, responded that it was with the former attorney. No deal could be reached in mediation.

Herald asked that he be given until the next motion hour on Jan. 22 to look at the motion and respond. Fletcher granted that request.

## KSP arrest Powell County man for traveling to meet juvenile for sex

On Jan. 10, 2014, at approximately 10:15 p.m., the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crimes Branch, assisted by troopers from KSP Post 7 in Richmond, arrested William Scott Hall, 31, of Stanton, for charges related to traveling to meet an individual he believed to be a 14-year-old female for sex.

Hall was arrested as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. KSP began investigating the case after discovering a posting on a popular website. The subject was arrested when he traveled from his residence in Powell County to Richmond to meet someone he thought was a juvenile for the purpose of having sex.

The investigation resulted in the execution of a search warrant at Hall's residence in the early morning hours of Jan. 11, 2014. Equipment used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are expected.

Hall is currently charged with one count of prohibited use of electronic communication system to procure a minor/peace officer for sex. Hall was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

**State police say parents need to be aware**

The Kentucky State

Police used their latest episode of KSP-TV to warn parents about the dangers of Internet predators. The video shares an inside look at the agency's Electronic Crimes Branch and the intricate work that takes place to protect children from online predators.

KSP spokesman Tpr. Paul Blanton says the Internet has become an important part of everyday life – for information, communication and entertainment.

"The most technology receptive segment of our population is young people," says Blanton. "It's an unfortunate fact of life that along with the many resources the Internet provides there are also online predators stalking our youth."

Blanton says the problem with the Internet is we can't see the predators that may be after our children. That's why he says it's important for parents to talk to their children about what can happen with strangers on social media.

"Parents need to be open and honest with their teens. They need to tell them about the dangers that are out there. Sometimes we don't think our teens listen to us, but they do."

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), there are nearly 750,000 registered sex offenders in

the United States. An increasing number of those individuals are utilizing the Internet to find their victims.

KSP Detective Josh Lawson works in the Electronic Crimes Branch and says a majority of victims of Internet-initiated sex crimes are between the ages of 13 and 15 years old.

"The key to safeguarding your children is an open line of communication. You want to know who your children are talking to face to face. You wouldn't let them talk to any stranger on the street, especially about intimate things," says Lawson. "Why would you let them talk to someone on the Internet about even more intimate things?"

In 82 percent of online sex crimes predators used the victim's social media site to gain information about the youth. Only 18 percent of youth use chat rooms but a majority of the internet sex crimes are initiated in chat rooms. Blanton says parents need to set ground rules with their children.

"Have the computer in a common room. Know your children's passwords on social networking sites and talk to your children about what they are doing online," adds Blanton. "If parents won't, someone else will and that person could be a sexual predator hiding behind a computer."

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kill you here. I've lost too many and I don't want to lose any more."

He stated that he has spoken to some veterans that do not actually trust or like the way help for them has been set up. "One told me he just couldn't sit and talk about all of it to a woman who is the same age as his daughter," Bowen reflected. "Some don't trust it. But with this group it is veterans from Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf, Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan. They do understand and want to be there for our brothers and sisters in arms. We want to get them to a point that they can function and not depend on things like drugs or alcohol or even risky behaviors to get through."

Bowen said to take part in the sessions veterans would need to show a combat action badge or combat infantry badge. Navy and Marine combat veterans would need to show their combat action ribbons. A DD-214 to support their combat action

would also be needed.

If any combat veteran needed a ride Bowen is the point of contact. He can be reached by calling 606-797-5284.

"The Vet Center has a lot of services to offer

and they can call there too," Bowen said. Bowen also spoke highly of the lead counselor, Jerome Jay Tomlian. The number to the Vet Center, n Lexington, is 859-253-0717 or 877-927-8387.



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# Celebrating Five Generations



It is always nice to get family together, especially when you can round up five generations. Above are five generations. Sitting L-R: Darlene Stamper, Phyllis McCall and Jadelyn Jones  
Standing L-R: Tamara Smallwood and Jordan Jones



# Good Luck Haeleigh!

On Jan. 17, Haeleigh Danae Jones will go to Louisville and proudly represent Powell County at the Miss Kentucky County Fair pageant. Haeleigh, along with at least 96 beautiful young women will be competing for the crown. The event will be two long days of interview, practice, opening number, swimwear, and evening gown.  
Good luck Miss Haeleigh!

# Linn earns doctorate from Cumberlands

In December 2013, University of the Cumberlands (UC) conferred 388 degrees during their annual commencement ceremony; 65 Baccalaureate degrees, 314 Master's degrees, and 9 Doctorate degrees.  
Stacy Linn, of Clay City, graduated with an Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Supervisor of Instruction. She is the daughter of Ralph and Sharon Patrick, and the wife of Brian Linn.  
In 2013, nearly 1,200 students have received their degrees from UC with December's graduate number topping last years at 388.  
The fall semester began on August 28th with record-breaking enrollment of 5,000 expected by the semester's end as enrollment continues for graduate and online classes.  
Our accredited online programs are designed to accommodate adult learners who want to advance their education without compromising quality. Our online programs offer the same curriculum as on-campus equivalents, but are flexible enough to fit into your busy schedule. To find out more about our graduate and online programs contact an admissions counselor for assistance at 800.343.1609.  
Located in Williamsburg, University of the Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction, which currently offers four undergraduate degrees more than 40 major fields of study; ten pre-professional programs; ten graduate degrees distributed over eight areas, including two doctorates and seven master's degrees; certifications in education; and online programs. For more information, visit [www.ucumberlands.edu](http://www.ucumberlands.edu).

# Sorry we're late



Now, now . . . No reason to go crazy just because you had another birthday. We still love ya!  
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- **Powell Fiscal Court**  
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- **Stanton City Council**  
Second Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.at the courthouse.
- **Clay City Council**  
Third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Clay City Municipal Building.

# Powell students honored as outstanding at ALC

One Powell Countian has earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 2013 Fall Semester. Eric Terry of Stanton has been named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale).  
Megan Boswell of Stanton has been named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point average of 3.75-3.99.  
Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.74 were Shelby Barnett of Stanton; Ashleigh Bolduc of Clay City; Cory Brewer of Stanton; Taylor Rogers of Clay City.  
Congratulations to all of these students for their outstanding efforts this semes-

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# Guest Column: Stopping and preventing prescription drug abuse is a life saving investment for us all



By JACK CONWAY  
*KY Attorney General*

When I was elected your Attorney General six years ago, I made stopping prescription drug abuse one of my top priorities. I created Kentucky's first statewide prescription drug task force and helped craft landmark legislation that has shut-down half of this state's pain clinics. From a law enforcement perspective, we've made tremendous strides. Yet still, too many of our citizens abuse prescription pills, and other opiates, like heroin, are on the rise.

We can't just be tough on this issue. We must be smart. One thing became clear as I heard the personal accounts of Kentuckians touched by prescription drug abuse – we cannot incarcerate our way out of this problem. More cells won't put a stop to stories like the one from a little girl in Pike County who I saw sobbing because when the school bus dropped her off, there was an ambulance in front of her house. That's how she found out her father had died from a prescription drug overdose.

We need this next generation to avoid some of the choices their parents made. That's why I've travelled across the Commonwealth warning young people about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. I've presented our message to 40,000 students, parents and teachers.

In addition to education, we must invest in treatment if we're going to stop this cycle of addiction. I've always felt pharmaceutical companies should pay to treat the addiction they helped fuel. Pharmaceutical companies recorded incredible profits, while spending millions to fraudulently market and conceal from doctors the highly-addictive nature of new opiate painkillers they wanted them to prescribe.

Although the two recent settlements did not involve opiate painkillers, I felt strongly that the \$32 million from settlements I negotiated with the industry should be used to expand treatment in Kentucky. The court order directed me to use the proceeds for public health purposes, including substance abuse treatment. In accordance with that order, the money will help create a new treatment center for adults, treatment scholarships, and a grant program for new juvenile treatment beds and/or centers.

Kentucky has one-tenth of the treatment beds it needs, so we are using \$19 million for a grant program that will fund additional juvenile treatment beds and centers. Too often, parents are forced to wait months or go hours away from home to find a treatment bed. We will maximize these grants to fund the most promising, sustainable and needed treatment proposals brought to us by the non-profits, providers, and public-private partnerships throughout Kentucky.

The plan also provides \$2.52 million in scholarships for those who cannot afford treatment. We anticipate awarding 840 scholarships to Recovery Kentucky centers.

We will use \$560,000 over two years to create 14 recovery homes for

people completing and transitioning out of residential substance abuse treatment programs.

And \$500,000 from the settlement will be used to complete the construction of a Recovery Kentucky Center in Boyd County, one of our most underserved areas. My friend, Mike Donta, is from Ashland and lost his son to prescription drug abuse. He travels with me to our student assemblies. When Mike's son asked for help, he had to travel to Elizabethtown to find a treatment bed. I promised Mike that wouldn't have to happen anymore.

Finally, we will use \$6 million to administer and upgrade KASPER, Kentucky's electronic prescription drug monitoring program; \$1 million to Chrysalis House in Lexington and Independence House in Corbin to provide substance abuse treatment for pregnant women; \$1 million to develop a substance-abuse screening tool with the Kentucky Department of Education to intervene with at-risk children; and \$1.5 million to the University of Kentucky to train juvenile treatment providers.

Some lawmakers suggested that I should have allowed the legislature to appropriate these funds. While the legislature must appropriate tax revenues and fees, a judicial settlement with a court order directing payment is another matter entirely. I will always fight to see pharmaceutical settlement money directed toward treatment, rather than grabbed to plug holes in our state's cash-strapped budget.

This is about people, not politics. And I believe this historic investment will save lives and it can help save parts of this state that are riddled with addiction.



Photo by LRC Public Information  
Sen. Albert Robinson, R-London, speaks with Sen. John Schickel, R-Union, prior to the start of the day's legislative session in the Kentucky Senate. Sen. Robinson will be at the Powell County Courthouse this Friday at 3 p.m. to talk to anyone and everyone who wants to find out more about the legislative session or has any concerns.

## Guest Column: Weekly Frankfort Update

By SEN ALBERT ROBINSON  
*KY State Senator*

The Senate Convened Regular Session 2014 on January 7 as temperatures plummeted across the state. Our large task at hand is to write the next biennium budget for state government, ever-mindful of the critical needs, the tax payer and the responsible management of fiscal resources.

I am excited to get to work as I bring a wealth of experience and having retained my seniority in the Senate Majority.

Numerous issues will be battled back and forth from now until April 15, some of the top being funding education, prioritizing the many needs of Kentucky and addressing public safety and health issues.

We received a preview of Governor Beshear's agenda Tuesday night which included these as well as expanded gambling which I doubt will fly.

Tax reform, conservative spending, ensuring a good budget and working on the state's infrastructure are important to me. I want the citizens of Kentucky to prosper with job opportunities, good, safe roads to drive on, and fewer burdens on their wallets.

As the session continues, I invite you to please visit here at the Capitol. I would be honored to have you as a guest during the session and hear your feedback on issues important to you.

There are several ways to keep informed about the work during the Session . The Kentucky Legislature Home Page, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov), provides information on each of the Commonwealth's senators and representatives, including our phone numbers, addresses, and committee assignments. The site provides a bill tracking service, com-

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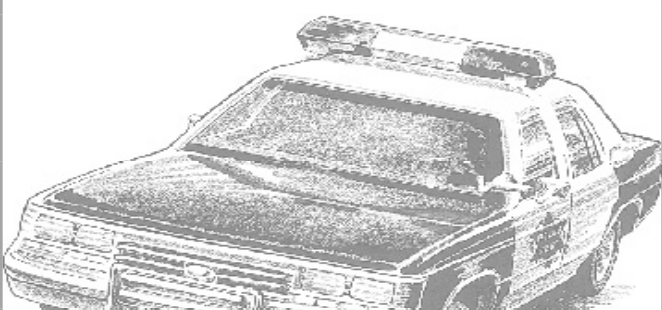
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If you have any issues or concerns, please call my office in Frankfort at 502-564-8100. I am honored to be your state senator, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Senator Albert Robinson (R-London) represents the 21<sup>st</sup> District comprised of Laurel, Jackson, Estill, Powell, Menifee and Bath counties. He serves on the Banking and Insurance Committee, the State and Local Government Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Veterans Committee.*



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**State and local police could set up a checkpoint at any time in the county to insure the safety and well-being of all drivers.**

**The roads are busy so please be careful this Holiday & Weekend.**

**Drive Safely !**

## I'm just saying: Where's the equality?

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

I wanted to say a few words about Billy Joe Martin, Jr. as I start this column. When I started umpiring Little league baseball he was an 11 year old pitcher for the Bowen Reds. Like every pitcher that age, he only threw strikes in his mind and was not shy about letting me know he did not like my strike zone. But as time went on, we both agreed that he could throw balls and I could miss a call.

It was that give and take that kept Joe and myself always taking time to stop and talk to each other if we saw the other. From day one he and I would discuss things, like baseball and as we got older things like politics or kids today. He was always good and respectful to me and I tried to be the same to him. He will be missed by so many.

My prayers go out to Bobbi, Cody, Hunter, Billy, Jeanetta, Pam and

the whole family.

With that said it is time for me for my yearly rant about respect for people. Not just any people, but leaders of this great nation.

Every year we hear about how President's Day is a federal holiday, but schools can use the day if they need to make one up. However, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is one that law prohibits schools from being in session. No questions asked!

Now before someone says it, because I know some may have thought it, my rant has nothing to do about race. I see the human race and nothing else, I could care less about the other "race" issues unless you want to force feed me a problem.

With that said, my problem is that why are such great leaders like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln now seemingly less important. One man was the general that won the Revolutionary War and our first president while the other helped to lead our nation through a Civil War and deal with a

slavery issue.

I understand all the wrongs done over the centuries, but is it fair to overcompensate and thusly undermine the importance of others.

Here's is what I am trying to say. I don't and can't blame the schools. After all they have to obey the law (they can't change the rules like some defendants try to in court) and they have days to make up. So my complaint is primarily for those who make the laws. If we are going to mandate schools and government closings for one leader, who by the way was never elected to any office but served a valuable purpose in history, then shouldn't all holidays that honor leaders be the treated the same.

The Bible says God is no respecter of persons, meaning he treats us all the same. Then why can't our government do the same when it comes to holidays. Or even when it comes to everyday things for that matter.

I'm just saying . . .

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# Knox, Curtis receives WYMT Scholarships



Stephanie Knox and Triston Curtis

Seniors Stephanie Knox and Triston Curtis were honored recently with the WYMT Mountain Classic Scholarship. They received a \$1,000 scholarship which can be applied to their choice of college or university. Stephanie and Triston will be featured on the WYMT News Program receiving their scholarship.

The scholarship is for seniors in the WYMT viewing area and made possible by proceeds and donations collected through the annual WYMT Mountain Basketball Tournament. Additionally, many colleges in this area will match the scholarship fund.

The scholarship was based on academic achievements and participation in extra-curricular and community activities.

Congratulations Stephanie and Triston!!

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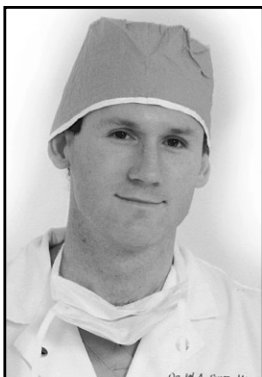
President's Day, Feb. 17 as it will be a make-up day.

The last day of school, originally set for May 2 is now tentatively scheduled for May 13.

## Powell County School Calendar

Jan. 20	MLK Day - No School
Feb. 13	4th Six Weeks Ends
Feb. 8	ACT Testing
Feb. 17	President's Day (Makeup Day)
Mar. 26	5th Six Weeks Ends

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# PCMS Students of the Week

The Powell County Middle School is proud to present their Students of the Week. This week they are: Ashlee Townsend (top left) from the sixth grade; Molly Cornett (top right) from the seventh grade; and Alisha Elam (right) from the eighth grade.

Student of the Week recipients are chosen based on academics, behavior, and positive character.

Congratulations to this week's PCMS Students of the Week!



## UK's Robinson Scholars Program accepting applications

The Robinson Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky is currently accepting applications for its high school enrichment program, called Robinson Leaders. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 17, 2014.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be in the freshman year of high school, reside in one of the 29 eastern Kentucky counties in the Robinson Scholars Program service area, and be a first generation student with an interest in obtaining a 4-year college degree. First generation students are those whose parents or legal guardians do not hold 4-year college degrees.

Those selected to be Robinson Leaders are eligible to participate in enrichment activities and

summer camps provided by the Robinson Scholars Program, and they will be eligible to apply for the Robinson Scholarship, which is a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

The Robinson Leaders Program seeks current high school freshmen who demonstrate academic talent, participate in community service, and are involved in extra-curricular activities either in their schools or communities. A total of 87 Robinson Leaders will be chosen from the 29-county service region of the Robinson Scholars Program for the 2014 cohort. Of the 87 Leaders chosen, 29 students (one from each county) will be awarded a Robinson Scholarship. That award will be made during the student's junior year of

high school.

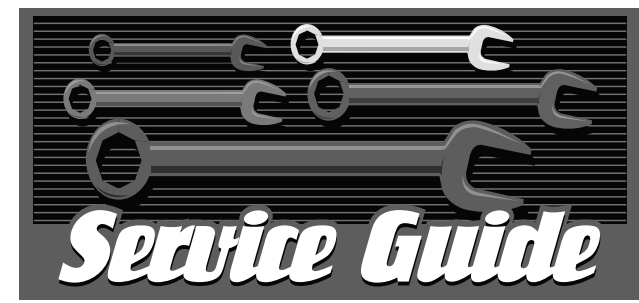
Applications can be made online through the Robinson Scholars Program Web site at <http://www.uky.edu/RobinsonScholars>. Follow the link to the Robinson Leaders Application. Application instructions are provided. Students who do not have computer access may obtain a paper copy of the application and application instructions from either the Robinson Scholars Program or their high school guidance counselors.

First generation students in the following eastern Kentucky counties are eligible to participate in the program:

Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe.

For more information about Robinson Leaders, the Robinson Scholars Program, or the application process, visit the Robinson Scholars Web site or contact Jessica Watkins at 606-666-2438, extension 232.

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Diana Crase, 74

Diana Pelfrey Crase, 74, of Morris Creek Road, Stanton, passed away on Tuesday morning, Jan. 7, 2014 at her residence. Born in Buckskin, OH she was the daughter of the late Willie Claybourne Pelfrey and the late Joyce Shull Pelfrey. She was a retired Certified Nurse's Aid and she was of the Southern Baptist Faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Crase and by her brother, Larry Pelfrey.

She is survived by two sons: Charles F. Crase and his wife Cathy of Candler, NC and Earl S. Crase of Stanton; one sister, Sandra Turner of Texarkana, AR; three grandchildren: Stephanie Rene Crase, Monica Annette Crase and Andrew John Crase; one step grandson, Thomas Wade Shelton; and by four great grandchildren: Melody Haney, Taryn Haney, Isabella Crase and Caden Crase.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. Robert Cundiff were held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in the Crase Cemetery, Vancleve, alongside her husband, Clyde Crase. Pallbearers were Danny Pelfrey, Bud Pelfrey, Ivan Kirby, William Ledford, Tony Powers and Jerry Crase. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Glenda Knox, 45

Glenda Knox, 45, wife of William Knox, of Clay City, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at her residence. Glenda was a housewife and a member of the Arch of Mercy Church.

She is survived by her father, Wilburn Glaspie of California City, CA; her husband, William Knox of Clay City; three sons, Christopher Duckworth of California City, CA, Joseph Bexley of Lancaster, CA and Jonathan Bexley of Danville; and one brother, Aaron Glaspie of CA. She is preceded in death by her mother, Hassy Glaspie, and a sister, Susan Glaspie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel in Clay City with Bro. Herbert Barnett officiating. Burial followed in The Donnie G. Randall Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.

James Linkous, 48

James Glen Linkous, 48, of Levee Road, Jeffersonville, passed away at his residence Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. He was a former construction worker and a mechanic.

He is survived by his parents, Jimmy Linkous (Carol) of Owingsville and Dixie Gould (Harold) of Trapp; one sister, Shonda Williams (Garrick) of Mt. Sterling. He is preceded in death by one sister, Penny Romans.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel in Clay City with Pastor Garrick Williams officiating. Burial followed in The Linkous Family Cemetery in Wolfe County. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.

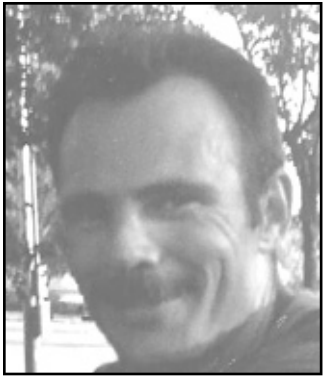
Clyde McIntosh, 69

Clyde McIntosh, 69, of Westland, MI, formerly of Berea, died on Jan. 5, 2014 at the Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne MI. Born in Breathitt County, he was the son of the late Arch and Evalee Oaks McIntosh. He was affiliated with the Pentecostal Faith and he was retired from Ford Motor Company.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Richard McIntosh and by one sister, Thelma McIntosh.

Surviving relatives are two daughters: Tammie and her husband Tim Charles and Trisha McIntosh both of Westland, MI; two brothers: Don McIntosh of Ypsilanti, MI and Earl McIntosh of Beattyville; two sisters: Fran Morgan of Berea and Shirley McIntosh of Taylor, MI; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services officiated by Pastor Tim Charles were held at on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment will be in Stonegate Cemetery, Stanton, with Aaron Charles, Joseph Evans, Matthew Long, Gary McIntosh, Chris Morgan and Rick McIntosh serving as pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.



Billy J. Martin, Jr., 45

Billy Joe Martin Jr., 45, husband of Bobbi Jean Hall Martin, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 8 at his home. He was born Dec. 23, 1968 in Winchester to Billy Joe and Jeanetta Crabtree Martin. He was a retired police officer, who worked for the Stanton Police Department and served as the Powell County Sheriff.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbi Jean Martin, Stanton; sons, Hunter Clay Martin and Cody Bryant Hall; parents: Billy Joe and Jeanetta Martin; sister, Pam and husband Timmy Tipton; nephew, Marty and wife, April Tipton; niece, Hannah and husband, Josh Parson; father and mother-in-law: Bobby and Shirley Hall.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton by Danny Martin, Rev. Anthony Molihan, and Rev. Stephen Williams. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery with

Randy Charles, Albert "Dude" Faulkner, Marty Tipton, Marty Cecil, Chuck Cecil, Kenny Yarber, Kevin Neal, Anthony Foster, Rog Matthews, and Craig Ramsey serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers serving: PCHS Baseball team, Powell County dispatch, CSEPP, Stanton Police Department, Powell County Sheriffs Office, FOP Lodge Red River Gorge FOP #70, Dr. Julie Kennon and Staff, North Fork Bowhunters Club, and Red River Bowhunters Club.

Donald Pelfrey, 72

Donald Pelfrey, 72, husband of LaDonna Rogers Pelfrey, passed away Thursday, Jan. 9 at home after a long illness. He was born Dec. 31, 1941 in Lee County to the late Elmer and Hattie Fraley Pelfrey. He was a member of the Stanton First Church of God and a retired Rockwell employee.

Survivors include his wife, LaDonna Pelfrey, Stanton; sons, Phillip D. and wife Karen LaVern Pelfrey, Paris, and Bryan K. and wife Karen Sue Pelfrey, Jackson; brother, Kenneth E. and wife, Donna Pelfrey, Milford, OH; sister, Linda and husband, Eugene Peck, Waco; grandchildren, Megan and husband Andrew Adams, Stephanie Terry, Alex Morgan Pelfrey, Jamie Biddle, and Samantha Biddle; and one great-grandchild, Nautica Williams.

Services were held on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Stanton First Church of God by Rev. Anthony Molihan, Rev. Max Molihan, and Rev. Jimmy Clark. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery with Michael Peck, Michelle Peck Williams, Steve Pelfrey, Scott Pelfrey, Keegan Rogers, Shane Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Darrell Rogers, Charles Rogers, and Mike Shoemake serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers serving: Members of the Stanton First Church of God, Special Friends, Faye Hampton and Mike Shoemaker, Darrell Rogers, Charles Rogers, Eugene Peck, and Dr. Julie Kennon.

In lieu of flowers donations suggested to Stanton First Church of God building fund, 980 East College Ave., Stanton, KY 40380.

Nancy Ratliff, 67

Nancy Marie Ratliff, 67, of Deer View Drive, Stanton, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 at Baptist Health Hospital, Lexington. Born in Perry County, she was the daughter of Grady Jones and the late Vina Stacy Jones. She was a former employee of Continental Metal Specialty and she was a member of Never Ending Grace Community Church, Clay City.

In addition to her mother she was also preceded in death by her former husband, Delbert Wright and by her daughter, Davenna Lynn Wright.

She is survived by her father, Grady Jones and her



stepmother, Eva Jones of Clay City; husband, Ricky Ratliff; three sons: Robbie Wright of Stanton, Tony and his wife Leslie Wright and Delbert "Tiny" and his wife Joyce Wright of Clay City; four stepdaughters: Christina and her husband Willy Hernandez of Olympia, Amanda McClanahan of Hillsboro, Teyanna Ratliff and Traci Ratliff of NC; two brothers: Grady Jones, Jr. and Alfred and his wife Kathleen Jones of Clay City; one sister, Lena Brewer of Stanton; six grandchildren; 15 step grandchildren; three great grandchildren and six step great grandchildren. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her life. She loved each and everyone of them dearly.

Funeral services officiated by Pastor Stephen Donithan were held on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in the Townsend Cemetery with Justin Wright, Cody Wright, Matthew Wright, Jordan Wright, Jon Wright, Darren Brewer and Dawson Wright serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Doug Brewer, Darrell Brewer, Mike Jones, Daniel Jones, Angie Boyd, Lori Lhamon and Austin Brierley. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Kevin W. Rogers, 48

Kevin Wayne Rogers, 48, of Hall Hill Road, Stanton, passed away at his residence on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. Born in Dayton, OH, he was the son of Kenneth Grant Rogers, Sr. and the late Marian Helen Aring Rogers. He was a former truck driver for Chapel Electric Company and a former distributor with Little Debbie Snack Cake. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed music and the holidays. He was a very giving individual to other people and to his family.

He is survived by his father, Kenneth Grant Rogers, Sr. of Stanton; his brother, Kenneth Grant Rogers, Jr. and his wife Diana of Grove City, OH; his sister, Pamela Sue Konyar and her husband, Andrew of Winchester, VA; one niece and three nephews; two great nieces and two great nephews.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Roy Jackson were held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 in Valley View Memorial Gardens, Xenia, OH. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Richard Thomas, Sr., 81

Richard Alexander Thomas, Sr., 81, of Clay City, passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. He was born and raised in Florida, joined the Navy in 1950 at age 17, served during the Korean War, and was Honorably Discharged in 1953. He married his first wife Sarah in 1954. She lost her fight with cancer in 1969, shortly after moving to Michigan. The following year he met his wife, Phyllis, and they were married on July 17, 1970.

He enrolled with General Motors in 1977 and retired in 1994. A year later they moved to Kentucky to be near their children. In 1986 he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses where he was a faithful member until his death. He leaves behind a wife, Phyllis Ann Thomas, of Clay City; three sons, Terrence Lee Thomas (Susan) of Cincinnati, OH, Richard Alexander Thomas, Jr. (Katrina) of Stanton and Kevin Michael Thomas (Jacquie) of Lexington; one daughter, Lisa Ann Thomas, of Monrovia, MD; and their families, including nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; one brother, Robert Thomas, of FL; two sisters, Lorene Popple and Carol Turner, both, also of FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Martha Thomas; two brothers, Joseph Thomas and William Judd; and one sister, Ena Mae Kelly. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Winchester. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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It was a night of talent on display at the Powell-Lee boys basketball game last Friday night. The X-treme Team showed off their ball handling skills as the crowd cheered on. Then later the Stanton Elementary Buzz Crew performed. They left no doubt in anyone's mind that there is some talent at their school and also what the fox did say.

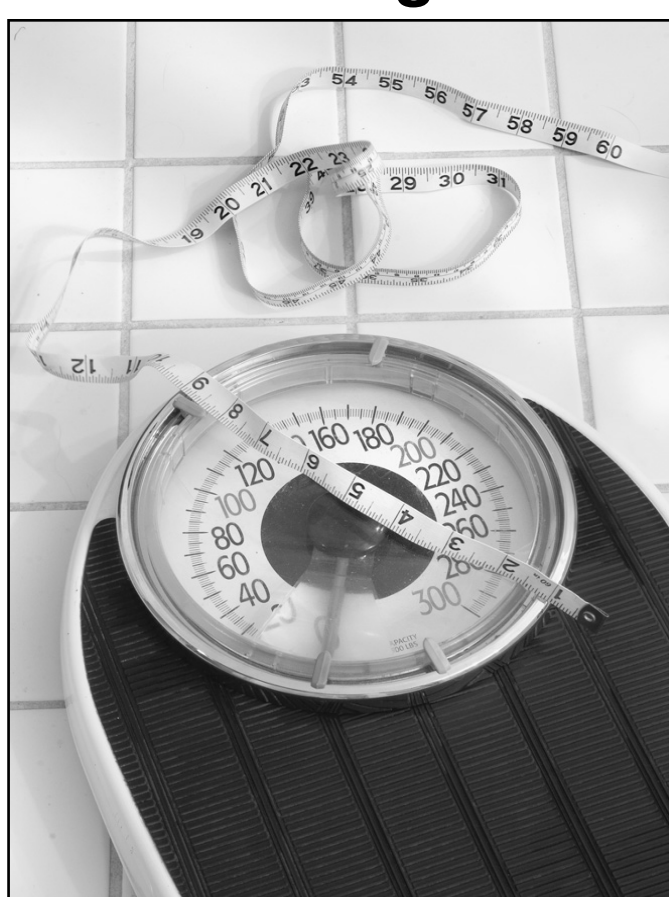
## Holidays are over, now its time to get serious about weight loss

Now that the holidays

gain than any other source of calories.

Solid fats are found in fatty, animal-based foods, such as fatty meats, poultry skin and whole milk. They are also in food prepared with shortening, butter, stick margarine and hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils, such as pastries and snacks. Added sugars are added to foods during processing or preparation or are consumed separately. Added sugars can be found under a variety of names including dextrose, fructose, honey, molasses and fruit juice concentrates.

Most of us should get no more than 150 to 300 calories per day from foods containing SoFAS, but the typical American consumes more than 800 calories a day from these. If not limited, the 800 excess calories could cause a person to gain 6 pounds in a month, which could lead to overweight and obesity



issues. Overweight or obesity has been linked to chronic health problems

like diabetes and heart disease.

Here are some ways

you can limit SoFAS in your diet:

- Replace foods containing solid fats with those containing polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats such as liquid vegetable oils and high plant-based foods. Examples of these include canola, olive, peanut and soybean oils and olives, avocados and variety of nuts and seeds.

- Select foods with little or no added sugar.

- Eat more nutrient-dense foods including vegetables, fruits, whole grains, seafood and lean cuts of meat and poultry.

- Sodas, sports drinks and energy drinks are just some of the beverages high in added sugar. Replace these with water, fat-free milk, 100 percent fruit juices or unsweetened tea or coffee.

- Save high-calorie desserts for special occasions such as holidays and birthdays.

### Weight Reality Classes Begin Jan. 15

As a new year begins, many of us evaluate health issues and take note of how well we've kept our weight in check over the past year. If you would like to get some tips on weight control, healthy eating and physical activity, come out and join us for our six week Weight Reality series. Classes are FREE and will be held at the Powell County Extension Office each Wednesday beginning Jan. 15 for six consecutive weeks. The classes will begin at 5 p.m.

*Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.*

**Whew, the holidays are over.  
Now men, you have 29 days until  
Valentine's Day. Get cracking!**

**Got concerns?  
State Senator Albert Robinson  
Will be at the Powell County Courthouse on  
Friday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m.**

### Reader's Recipes

#### Kid Friendly Chicken Casserole Sarah Bloom

1 lb cooked and diced chicken breast  
2 cans cream of chicken soup  
¾ cup sour cream  
Dried minced onion, to taste  
Pepper, to taste  
¼ to ½ cup bacon bits, to taste  
2 boxes of chicken flavored stuffing  
1 can chicken broth

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix together chicken, soup, sour cream, minced onion, pepper and bacon bits. Pour into 13x9 baking dish. Sprinkle both boxes of dry stuffing mix on top and then evenly pour chicken broth over the top of the stuffing. Bake for 40 minutes. (Do not add extra salt to this dish or it will be too salty, between the soup and bacon bits it has plenty. I do not even salt the chicken when it is cooking because of this.)

#### Easy, Cheesy Potato Soup Sarah Bloom

Peel and dice about 5 lbs. of potatoes  
Boil potatoes in chicken broth (I use chicken bouillon powder)  
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Once potatoes are tender add 1 can of Campbell's cheddar cheese soup and 1 can of cream of chicken soup. Mix well and allow to heat through. Serve with sour cream, shredded cheese and bacon bits.

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### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

#### AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m. Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

#### The Powell County Library

Story Time at the Powell County Public Library is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years. We will read stories, do crafts and sometimes a movie. Powell County Public Library Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the library.

#### Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m.

#### Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Powell County Extension Office. For more information call 606-481-9740

#### Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival

The committee for the Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival will meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Middlefork Fire Department at 7 p.m.

#### Veterans Benefits

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will

be at the Powell County Courthouse, Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

#### Higher Education Meeting

The Powell County Higher Education Development Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Powell County High School Library at 7 p.m

#### Stanton Parks and Recreation Board

The Stanton Parks and Recreation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the city building in the Senior Citizens building located at the city park.

#### Clay City Homemakers

The Clay City Homemakers meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Powell County Extension Office.

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2014 General Assembly, which is currently underway.  
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### Weight Watchers Meeting

Weight Watchers will meet every Tuesday at the Stanton First Church of God located at 980 E. College Avenue. The weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Red River Bowhunters

Red River Bowhunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through the end of March. For more information call 606-481-0959.

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Friends of Powell County's Pets will be hosting a spay/neuter clinic at the Stanton Fire Station on Jan. 18. Advance appointments are required and space is limited. Call 606-481-9430 to reserve a spot. Leave a message and a volunteer will return your call. Prices range from \$48 to \$68 depending on gender and size of your pet. Annual shots are included in this price. Maximum weight is 75 lbs at this mobile clinic.

### Baseball Academy

Powell County High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting March 9. Powell County head coach Chris Varney will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning. Proceeds from the program benefit amateur baseball in Stanton. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

### Veterans Support Group

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

### Cruising Car Club Meeting.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone

wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

### Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

### Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011.

### Leadership LEAP Applications being taken

Applications are now being accepted to participate in the 2014 class of Leadership LEAP. LEAP is a combined effort among Estill, Jackson, Lee and Powell Counties to develop the leadership skills and networks of our region's people. The program runs from February through October, with participants meeting once a month. Goals are to develop participants' personal and professional networks, enhance their knowledge of how our communities operate, introduce them to current community leaders, foster their understanding of local issues and needs, and develop their leadership and team building skills. If you are interested or you know of someone who is interested in participating, please visit www.EstillCountyKY.net to download an application. But hurry! Applications are due Jan. 27. Contact Estill Development Alliance Executive Director Joe Crawford at (606) 723-2450 or JCrawford@EstillCountyKY.net with any questions. LEAP is a non-profit and equal opportunity program operating under Estill County 21st Century, Inc.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet at the Clay City Baptist Church located on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue behind the Clay City Restaurant. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m. on each Saturday.

### Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

*Community Calendar and Church News announcements  
should include a brief description of the event along with the  
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## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Stanton Assembly of God**, Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

## BAPTIST

**Clay City Baptist**, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

**Crossroads Baptist**, 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday School 3 pm; Sunday Worship Service 4 pm; 606-663-5796.

**Emmanuel Baptist**, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300. ; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

**Faith Freewill Baptist Church**, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

**Friendship Baptist Church**, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

**Mill Knob Baptist Church**, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

**Morris Creek Missionary Baptist**, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Bess Goss. Jr. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am.

**Powell's Valley Baptist**, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

**Rehoboth Baptist Mission**, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Baptist**, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**West Bend Baptist**, 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

**Calvary Baptist Church**, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

## CATHOLIC

**Our Lady Of The Mountains Church**, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

## CHRISTIAN

**Stanton Christian**, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; Interim Pastor, Jim Hutchison Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Small Groups and Youth Groups at 6 p.m. Meal and Open Gym at 7 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Small Groups for all ages 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Bowen Church of Christ**, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

**Cat Creek Church of Christ**, Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Clay City Church of Christ**, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Church of Christ**, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Bowen First Church of God**, 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Clay City First Church of God**, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God**, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

**Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy**, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Hatcher's Creek Church of God**, ; Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

**Knowlton Church of God**, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Living Water Church**, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**More Than Enough Ministries Church of God**, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,

**Morris Creek First Church of God**, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Mountain Parkway Church of God**, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**New Beginnings Church of God**, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

**Slade Church of God**, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

**Stanton First Church of God**, 980 E. College Ave.

P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T.; Moli-han minister.

**Vaughn's Mill First Church of God**, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God**, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**West Bend Church of God**, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyant , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

**West Bend First Church of God**, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Fellowship Church of God**, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road**, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

## LUTHERAN

**Grace Lutheran Church**, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

## UNITED METHODIST

**Clay City United Methodist**, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

**El Bethel United Methodist Church**, 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester.; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

**Hardwicks Creek United Methodist**, Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

**Shiloh United Methodist**, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

**West Bend United Methodist**, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

## PENTECOSTAL

**Harvestime Assembly** 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony

Story, 606-663-9866.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**First Presbyterian**, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

## OTHER

**Airport Chapel**, Stanton, Scooby Faulkner, Min.

**Blessed Assurance Church**, 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

**Three Cross Mission Church**, Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY

**Full Gospel Church**, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse**, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

**House of Prayer For All People**, Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.

**Nada Baptist Mission**, Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

**Never Ending Grace Community Church**, 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Pine Grove C.M.E. Church**, 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.

**Spirit of Life in Christ Church** 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.

**Vaughns Mill Community Church**, hosting God's Fresh Start Church 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.

**Wings of Love Church**, 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.

**Wildwood Chapel**, 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606-663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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## ENCOURAGING WORD: SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED



Howard Coop

Guest Columnist

two-roomed country school that had served the neighborhood for many years. In that little school, there were good teachers who were also excellent role models for their students. Going beyond the material in textbooks, they taught me and other students some basic principles about life that were good for us.

Those who lived on that ridge formed a rather close-knit commu-

The remote area in southern Kentucky where I spent my childhood was an isolated region. There were no telephones that connected it to the outside world; there was a party line that connected a few neighbors with each other. Few families in that region had radios, and daily newspapers were unknown to most folk. There were no improved roads; they came a few years later.

In all kinds of weather, I walked a little more than a mile over what was called a "dirt road" that was sometimes dusty and sometimes muddy to an old

nity. They belonged to churches of different denominations and different political parties, and at some points, there were differences of opinion among them. But they were good neighbors and good friends, and they had many things in common. Few, if any, had much of what is known as "this world's goods;" they were poor country folk. Times were hard, and day by day all of them struggled to get by, and they did. Life was difficult, but it was good.

Neighbors on that ridge were bound together by the golden chain of generosity. When a neighbor had a need, large or small, and it often happened, neighbors forgot self and helped that neighbor. No one had an abundance of wealth, but neighbors shared out of the meagerness of their possessions, and a neighbor in need was helped.

Although those neighbors of my childhood lived in a remote community that was somewhat isolated, they were guided by a principle that has been at the heart of western civilization for centuries: Share with those who are in need and practice hospitality.



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Interested and qualified firms can submit their completed proposals to: Powell County Fiscal Court Hon. James Anderson, Jr., Judge Executive 525 Washington Street, PO Box 506 Stanton, KY 40380

An authorized representative of Powell County Fiscal Court will receive proposals for a Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1) Logging Recording System until 4 pm (local time) on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Proposals received after this date and time will not be accepted. Proposals shall be enclosed in envelope/box which clearly indicate "EOC Next Generation 911 Logging Recorder" Any questions regarding to Request for Proposal (RFP) Notify: Danny McCormick E-mail: [pcemscepp@gmail.com](mailto:pcemscepp@gmail.com)

NOTICE OF 2014 KRFDC PUBLIC MEETINGS Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meetings as follows:

January 23, 11:30 a.m. Central Bank, Richmond

March 27, 11:30 a.m. Clark County Public Library, Winchester

June 26, 11:30 a.m. First Southern National Bank, Richmond

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# Time to check out those garden catalogs



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## Checking out the Garden Catalogs

Here in the middle of January, all of us tend to get a little spring fever, especially when the temperatures are in the fifties and are very UN - JANUARY like. Don't worry, fifty degree temperatures won't last long here in January, here in Powell County. We day-dream about getting out in the garden and planting or seeding new plants. We yearn for the sunshine once again and dirt under our finger nails. All those garden catalogs we've received have beautiful pictures, but fruits, and some perennial vegetables, especially are a little picky when it comes to Kentucky weather. Many of the beautiful varieties in these cata-

logs simply may not produce well in our spot on the map. When looking through the booklets this month, look for the following names that have been tested in Kentucky variety trials with good success:

Asparagus—Jersey Knight, Jersey King, Jersey Giant, Jersey Prince; Martha Washington

Rhubarb—Valentine, Canada Red, MacDonald, June Bearing Strawberries—Earli-glow, Delmarvel, Guardian, Allstar, Jewel, Kent, Honeoye, Tribute, Tristar, Cardinal, Chandler, Sparkle

\*Everbearing strawberries are not a good buy for your money in Kentucky!

Black Raspberries—Bristol, Jewel, Haut

Red Raspberries—Redwing, Autumn Bliss, Heritage

Blackberries-(Thorny)-Chester, Shawnee, Cherokee, & Cheyenne; (Thorn-less)-Arapaho, Navaho, Apache Hull Thorn-less, Choctaw;

Grapes-(black)-Concord, Buffalo, Fredonia; (white)-Niagra; (seedless)-Mars, Reliance & Glenora

Currants-Crandall, Red Lake and Rovada

Blueberries-Patriot, Bluecrop, Duke, Bluejay, Bluejay

Apples- Yellow Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith, Lodi, Gala, Honeycrisp, Liberty, Sundance,

For a different pear, try the Asian pears that look like an apple, yet taste like a crunchy pear. Other standard pear varieties include Sekel, Bartlett and Honeysweet

All of the pictures in your garden catalogs are pretty, but just be warned that some will grow and produce better than others. When ordering, keep in mind planting dates for Kentucky, most of these fruits and vegetables should be planted in March so avoid ordering too early. Plants shipped during a week long snow storm may have to be kept moist and cool until garden soils are worked and ready for planting. For more information, stop by the Powell County Extension Office at 169 Maple Street in Stanton or call at 663-6405. I would be happy to share some of my garden catalogs with you.

## What About Last Year's Seeds?

You may be going through those garden catalogs now and saying, "Whew, these seeds sure are expensive!" Who would have ever thought you could purchase a pack of peppers for \$8.75 for 30 seeds in a packet-not me for sure!!

In some cases, especially if you have seeds left over from last year, most of them can be used in 2014 with excellent results. Most vegetable seeds remain viable for three years or more when stored properly. A few vegetables such as sweet corn, onion and spinach should be purchased every year, as their viability is not as good as many other vegetables.

If you are keeping seeds from one year to the next, try to keep them as dry as possible. Enclosing them in a glass jar or plastic food storage bag is best. This will keep all the seeds dry and protect against insects like weevil. Check seeds periodically to make sure there is no mold. Discard any damaged or decayed seed. Although refrigeration is

not necessary, keeping seeds as cool as possible, but not freezing, will also prolong their life.

If you want to use leftover seeds this year and don't know how well they will do, use the procedure called the rag-doll test. Wrap 10 seeds of each seed packet in question in a moist paper towel. Roll the seeds in the towel and place in a zip-lock bag and seal. Label each bag with date and seed variety or type and place in a warm area of your home. Most seeds that are going to germinate will do so within a week to ten days after placing them in the rag-doll. After those ten days, evaluate your seeds and determine how many actually sprouted. If 7 sprouted, then your germination rate is 70%. If your germination rate is lower than 30%, then these seeds should be discarded.

## One last tobacco settlement check???

Several farmers have already asked about their 2014 tobacco settlement checks. If everything is done as it was in years past, expect your check to be automati-

cally deposited into your account sometime during the week of January 25. Make sure to check your account, before you spend the whole thing on gas or groceries. If you still receive a paper check, your check should reach you the following week. Specialists tell us that this probably will be the last check you will receive, since we started receiving payments in 2004.

## Livestock Producers Association to meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Powell County Livestock Producers Association will be on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powell County Extension Office

Meal cost for the meeting will be \$3 per person and dues are also due for the 2014 calendar year. Dues are \$10 per family or \$5 per individual. All local residents are welcomed to this meeting and encouraged to participate in the Livestock Association, here in Powell County.

Have a good week, stay warm and try to stay out of the mud!

# MORE LOCAL NEWS

## Stanton man facing meth charges - again

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

A Stanton man charged with manufacturing meth last October and out of jail because he has not been indicted on that charge, was arrested again over the weekend. This time officers say he threw meth out of a car he had borrowed and not returned.

Powell County deputies received a call last Saturday from Thomas Moon stating that Houston Paul Johnson was using his 1997 blue Chevrolet Monte Carlo and had not returned it. Officers were given a description of the car and a check of court records indicated that Johnson had a couple of outstanding warrants. Polio advised Moon he may have to talk to the county attorney on Monday, but they would keep an eye out.

Later that evening dispatchers received a call that Johnson had been seen in the car on the Mountain Parkway possibly heading toward Hardwick's Creek Road. Powell County Deputy Billy Rice was near the area and drove south on Hardwick's Road looking for the car. He reported he passed the vehicle heading north toward the Parkway. Rice turned around and caught up with the car as it was crossing the Parkway on Hardwick's Creek Road. Johnson then took a sharp turn, according to Rice's report, onto the westbound ramp of the Parkway.

Rice turned on his emergency lights. After a short drive Johnson pulled over and Rice noticed it was indeed the person and car. There was a female passenger. Johnson then reportedly pulled out and then took off at a high rate of speed. Johnson finally pulled over.

As Rice approached it appeared that Johnson was "hunkered down over the center console." Johnson reportedly refused to show Rice his hands so the deputy attempted to remove Johnson from the vehicle. After getting him out of the car Johnson continued to use his arms and legs to push Rice away, so much so that both men ended up in a lane of traffic. Rice's report stated that other vehicles had to slow down and move to another lane to avoid them.

Rice deployed a "dry stun" from his taser to gain control of Johnson. He was handcuffed after that and stopped resisting. KSP Trooper Grant Faulkner, Stanton Police Lt. Arthur Lacy and Officer Donovan Crabtree arrived to assist.

The woman in the car was identified as Chelsea Dehart and she told officers that when they got on the Parkway Johnson threw a rather large baggie out the window. DeHart showed officers where the bag was thrown out. After a short search of the area, officers found a baggie lying on the shoulder where DeHart said it had been thrown out. She told them she did not know what it was.

Rice's report states that the bag contained three other plastic bags, two of which contained suspected methamphetamine residue. The other bag contained coffee filters with a white substance in them, suspected to be methamphetamine.

On the way to jail Rice stated that Johnson blamed Dehart for throwing the bag out the window. The comment was made "spontaneously" according to Rice.

Back in October, Johnson was charged with making meth after he was found at a trailer in the Clay City Trailer Park with one-step meth labs, other meth making items and a dangerous chemical to help make the drug. He was arrested, but as per state law if a case is bound over to the grand jury and no indictment is returned within 60 days the suspect can be released from jail. Johnson was released on Dec. 30.

Now Johnson is facing possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, wanton endangerment first degree on a police officer, resisting arrest, failure to or improper signal, no operator's license, reckless driving and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was lodged in the Powell County Detention center under a \$25,000 cash bond.

## Stanton Council discuss water problems

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

The Stanton City Council meeting last week was short and somewhat sweet. With parts of the city's water customers without water, some members thought there might be a crowd. But only one woman showed up to ask about the water problems last Thursday.

The woman, who did not identify herself, asked Stanton Dale Allen about the situation. She stated she had been without water for 24 hours. She told the council and mayor that when she stopped by the office to ask about the situation one of the employees got "tart" with her. She also stated they could not seem to answer her questions.

"I do apologize. But the boys (water department workers) are trying their best. They have been out since the water main broke on Railroad Street on Tuesday morning, plum through midnight last night (Wednesday). They got four hours of sleep and have been going at it all day," Allen explained.

Allen went on to explain that the water main break on Railroad, coupled with over 100 homes and businesses in the city's water district suffering from water lines busting and a new break Thursday afternoon on Morris Creek was making a bad situation worse. "We can't keep the tanks filled," he added. "For seven ours yesterday we pumped 33,000 gallons of water per hour and the tanks were still dry. We are losing or using as much water as we can pump in."

The woman was still bothered by the fact that some people near her residence had water but she did not. Allen explained that because the water lines and system acts like a level, if homes are sitting lower the tanks can provide some water to

them, But homes sitting on hills may not be able to get any until the tank levels rise.

Allen explained that the city has 2,350 water customers and many people have been affected by the problem. "We can't seem to keep the Hatton Creek tank full, it runs out as soon as we fill it," he said. "It's a bad situation and we are asking that everyone conserve, but we are trying to do the best we can."

The woman then asked who Allen's supervisor was. He answered, "I'm the mayor." The next inquiry was who did he answer to and he replied, "To these people" as he pointed to the council.

"Who do they answer to," she asked. "You, on election day, I guess," Allen answered. She then asked of the public service commission regulated the city and Allen responded that they do not regulate the Stanton Water System.

"I am sorry you are having problems and do apologize and I know it's frustrating. One of our council members is not here because she is dealing with pipes that were broken while she was gone. It flooded her basement and her home," Allen said. "But we are working as hard as we can."

With that the conversation turned to other business. The council voted 4-0 to accept Allen's appointment of Paul Mallory to the Stanton City Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. Both spots were open when Patty Howell, a member of both boards, moved out of the county.

The council also approved naming Don Lowry as a commissioner to the Stanton Housing Authority. The council also approved going for an extension on a loan agreement with Whitaker Bank for the house and lot the city owns on Maple Street. The vote was once again, 4-0.

## Hammer and knife weapons of choice following an argument

By JAMES COOK  
*Times Editor*

Last Saturday an afternoon argument led to two people being taken to hospitals after one was hit in the head with a hammer. The other was stabbed and hit by an ATV.

Officers responded to 6202 Furnace Road after receiving a call about a disturbance and a possible stabbing. Powell County Deputies Billy Rice and Mike Townsend, along with KSP Trooper Jason Brown arrived at the scene to find one man walking on Furnace Road bleeding.

Officers reported that they found Carl Wilburn was walking in the road, covered with blood from being stabbed in the wrist and had a bloody hammer in his jacket pocket. Wilburn told officers that he had been stabbed and hit by an ATV by Jeff Holder.

As medical personnel began to treat Wilburn, officers went to Holder's home. He approached them with injuries to his head and his head was covered with blood. Holder told police that he, Wilburn and an identified male subject was at his home and began to argue. He told them to take it outside away from his children. The other subject left and Holder, along with Wilburn, went into a garage to work on a car. Apparently Holder had hired Wilburn to work on the vehicle.

This is where the stories begin to differ.

Police reports state that Holder told police that Wilburn allegedly began hitting him in the head with a hammer, knocked him down and got on top of him while still hitting him with the hammer. Holder then said he pulled a knife he was carrying and either cut or stabbed Wilburn to get him off of him. Holder then told officers that Wilburn began to leave but allegedly threatened to come right back and "kill everyone."

Holder told officers he feared that Wilburn was going to get a gun and come back to kill him and his family, so he got on his ATV and hit Wilburn. Wilburn, after being hit by the ATV, was knocked into a truck driven by a witness. Police have not released the name of the witness as of press time.

Police reports also indicated that witnesses at the home did see Wilburn strike Holder with a hammer. However, they did not see the rest of the altercation.

Wilburn's injuries were significant. He was airlifted to the UK Medical Center. Holder was taken to an area hospital in a personal vehicle. At press time there was no word about either man's condition.

"No arrests were made at the time of the incident. The case remains under investigation," Deputy Rice said in a prepared statement. "The case will be thoroughly investigated and then presented to the Powell County Grand Jury. It is one of those his word against the other's word case."

Rice also stated that there is not a lot of physical evidence or any witnesses that saw the entire altercation.

"I will present the case to the grand jury to decide if either Jeff Holder or Carl Wilburn will be facing criminal charges. That is standard protocol when an incident like this takes place and the subjects involved are alleging self defense."

The grand jury reportedly met this past Monday, however it was not clear if this case would be presented then or at a meeting next month.

Got a news tip?

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# Pirates are 3-0 in district

By GREG MCINTOSH  
Times SportsWriter

The Powell County Basketball team like the rest of the State of Kentucky spent the past week trying to stay warm. Sub-zero temperatures kept travel to a minimum. The Powell/Estill game scheduled for last Tuesday was postponed due to the weather.

The Pirates had to wait until this past Friday to play against another opponent. Lee County traveled to Stanton to face the Pirates after the temperatures warmed up.

Powell got the first basket of the game by Austin Mullins but then Lee County scored eight in a row before Brett Goodwin converted a basket.

Lee continued to lead until Brad Smith hit a three and then a layup. Goodwin made another basket to tie the score at 18-18 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was back and forth with both teams taking small leads. Powell got six straight points from Bradley Cornett. The Pirates trailed 36-29 until they scored three straight baskets to bring the score closer.

Lee hit a three and Cornett made another basket to make the score 39-37 Lee at halftime.

The third quarter was close as well. Lee opened a 56-51 lead until Nathan Watson hit a three and Matt Brooks made a basket at the buzzer to bring the score to 58-56 Lee.

Powell quickly tied the score on a Watson basket to start the fourth quarter. Lee hit another three to take a three point lead. The Pirates then scored 10 unanswered points on three baskets by Brooks and two baskets by Goodwin.

Lee made a comeback to get the score to 70-68.

Mullins hit a three from the top of the key for the Pirates. Powell made 10 of 12 free throws to close out the game. Powell was victorious 84-75 to go 3-0 in district play.

The Pirates were led in scoring by Brett Goodwin with 30 points, Austin Mullins scored 18 points and Bradley Cornett had 13 points. Matt Brooks added 11 points in the Pirate victory.

This past Saturday the Pirates were home again against the Jackson City Tigers. The Pirate coaching staff hoped that the players did not have a let



Times Photo by James Cook  
Powell's Austin Mullins threw down a two-handed dunk late in the game against Jackson City Saturday night. Despite the thunderous slam, Powell fell 69-64.

down after the emotional district win the night before.

Powell showed no signs of a let down in the first quarter leading 16-8 at the end of the quarter.

Powell quickly opened up a nine point lead early in the second quarter. Jackson City stormed back with excellent bench play and Powell foul trouble erasing the Pirate lead.

Jackson City took their first lead of the game late in the second quarter and lead 34-31 at halftime.

The third quarter saw the lead go back and forth as Powell led 42-38 after a Brett Goodwin basket. Jackson City battled back and tied the score at 44 then scored five more points to end the quarter. Jackson City led 49-44 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter saw poor free throw shooting by both teams and Powell got to within two on an Austin Mullins dunk.

Powell took the lead on a three point play by Matt Brooks only to have Jackson City score a basket and then a three pointer. Brett Goodwin hit a three pointer for the Pirates to tie the score at 56.

Jackson City had a chance to win but could not convert and the score

was tied at the end of regulation.

Powell took the lead in overtime on a basket by Derrick Robinson. The Tigers quickly tied the game then took the lead with two free throws.

Brad Smith made two free throws to tie the game again. Jackson City got a three point play to retake the lead.

Goodwin converted one of two free throws. Jackson City got the ball out of bounds and threw a long pass for an open layup. Smith fouled the Jackson City player and it was called intentional.

Jackson City hit one of two free throws and got the ball out of bounds. After a Pirate foul the Tigers hit two more free throws. Powell missed a half court shot to end the game.

Jackson City defeated Powell 69-64.

Powell was led in scoring by Brett Goodwin with 23 points.

Powell now stands at 7-8 for the season and 3-0 in district play.

The Pirates were scheduled to play Breathitt County at home on Tuesday. The Pirates face Magoffin County on Friday at home.

Powell travels to Cordia on Saturday for a 14th Region game.

# Lady Pirates lose close rematch

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

It was the rematch. Last month at the Berea Holiday Classic Powell pulled off a major upset when they beat Perry Central. Not just beat them, but handed them a 61-49 loss. So it was fair to say that both sides were looking forward to he game last Saturday afternoon in Stanton.

Powell looking to repeat the success and Perry Central looking to prove it was a fluke. Plus they wanted to give Coach Randy Napier his 800<sup>th</sup> win.

The game, which early on resembled an under card match for an MMA pay-per-view, went down to the wire. Despite Powell battling back from 14 points down it was a last second basket by Lady Commodore Kayla Rankin that gave Perry the 60-58 victory.

The rough and tumble style play seemed to play in Perry Central's favor early on. The score stood at 8-5 after one quarter, but tempers flared in the second frame. With bodies hitting the floor on nearly every trip down the floor, some even looked to be intentional, Perry central took a 24-19 lead into halftime.

Both defenses keyed in on the other team's best scoring threat. Rankin and Powell's Keeley Rogers had to face double and triple teams as well as zones packed in against them inside. Key baskets by their teammates kept the game flowing.

Early in the second half



Times Photo by James Cook  
Powell's Destiny Peck battled with Perry Central defenders as she scored two of her 11 points on this shot. She also defended her teammates, battling hard in a rough an tumble game. Perry Central won the close game, 60-58.

the Lady Commodores began to push the ball and use their depth on he bench. Perry jumped out to a 35-21 lead and Powell had to regroup. And regroup they did.

Despite the fouls piling up, Powell began to battle again inside and take advantage of open looks outside. The slow comeback onslaught had begun.

As the clock ran Powell kept creeping closer to their opponent. Late in the fourth quarter the comeback was complete. Back to back three pointers by Sarah Spencer and Briana Elam tied the game at 56-56 with less than a minute and a half to play.

After an exchange of baskets and timeouts, Perry Central had the ball under their basket with 2.4 seconds to play. Everyone in the gym expected Rankin to get the ball. As the ball was tossed high over the defenders heads inside, it looked like a push off may

have occurred. But regardless, Rankin caught the pass and quickly put the ball in the basket before he horn. Perry Central had escaped with the 60-58 win.

Perry was led by Rankin with 23 points.

Powell, which fell to 10-6 on the season. The Lady Pirates were led by Rogers with 25 points. Destiny Peck tossed in 11 points before fouling out. Spencer and Triston Curtis each scored seven points, Curtis also fouled out. Elam had a three pointer, Shayla Lindon and Stephanie Knox each scored two points and Savannah Hamilton hit a free throw.

Powell is scheduled to play Menifee County tonight (Thursday) and then host Estill County on Saturday. The Estill match-up will begin with JV action at 4:30 p.m. and varsity will play at 6 p.m.

The Pirates and Engineers boys will play at 8 p.m. in a make up game.

## ROGERS HONORED

Keeley Rogers was named the Whitaker Bank December Player of the Month. In December Keeley played 14 games, scored 271 points and picked up 109 rebounds. She also broke the 2,000 point scoring mark and became the leading scorer in Lady Pirates history.



## Harlem Ambassadors coming to Powell

Hoops and hijinks are coming to Stanton, Kentucky on Monday, Feb. 3 when our very own local challengers, the Powell County Legends, take on the Harlem Ambassadors in a comedy basketball show the whole family will enjoy. The show starts at 7p.m. at the Powell County High School.

Proceeds from the event benefit Powell County Kiwanis Club & Stanton City Parks and Rec and will be used to serve the children of Powell County.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks, hilarious comedy routines, music, dancing and games for the kids.

"At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team too," Coach Ladé Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show, and get involved in all of

the fun stuff we do."

"We have scoured the region for skilled – and sometimes unskilled – players to take on the powerful Ambassadors," said Lisa Mays. "Come to the game and cheer on our enthusiastic local talent including Darrel Billings, Dustin Billings, Troy Brooks, Monroe Jones, Lonnie Morris, Dwaine Meadows, Travis Crabtree, James Clark, David Johnson, David Faulkner, Julie Clark, Ronna Donathan, Meghan Mays, Tim Rogers, Richard Henderson, Albert Robertson, Larry Drake, Chad Birch, Rick Stamper, Steven Donathan, Jimmy

Crase, Scott Graham, Jason Graham and maybe more!"

Tickets are on sale at Ace Hardware – Stanton, Tanner Dodge – Stanton, City Office – Stanton, Whitaker Bank – Stanton or online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). For more information, contact [lisamays2302@gmail.com](mailto:lisamays2302@gmail.com) or call (606) 481-2302. The event is sponsored by the Powell County Kiwanis Club, Stanton City Parks & Rec, Tanner Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Natural Bridge Realty, Hillbilly Chief Diner & many more!

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